

REMARKS

Applicant has studied the Office Action dated June 17, 2005, and has made amendments to the claims. Claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 1, 7, 11 and 17 are independent claims. Claim 10 has been amended.

The amendment to claim 10 is intended to correct a typographical error and is not related to patentability. No new matter has been entered. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

Objection to Claims

The Examiner objected to claim 10 due to an informality. Specifically, the Examiner asserted that claim 10 should depend from claim 7 instead of from claim 1.

With this paper, claim 10 has been amended to depend from claim 7, as suggested by the Examiner. It is respectfully submitted that the ground for the objection has been overcome and it is respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant graciously acknowledges the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-9 and 11-20 and the indication of allowable subject matter in claim 10. As previously indicated, claim 10 has been amended to overcome the ground for objection. It is therefore respectfully asserted that claim 10 is also in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above remarks, Applicant submits that claims 1-20 of the present application are in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein; and no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant has argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California, telephone number (213) 623-2221 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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